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Girl Scouts launch Operation Thin Mint Send-off



Navy Band Southwest serenades more than 900 Girl Scouts, troop leaders, military personnel and community supporters, aboard the USS *Midway* in support of Operation Thin Mint Send-off, May 4. San Diego Girl Scouts collected more than 220,800 boxes of Thin Mint cookies to send to deployed U.S. military troops.

BY CPL. CARRIE BOOZE Chevron staff

More than 900 Girl Scouts, troop leaders, military personnel and community supporters gathered on the USS *Midway* in support of Operation Thin Mint Send-off, May 3.

During Operation Thin Mint, San Diego Girl Scouts collected more than 220,800 boxes of cookies and hand-wrote thousands of notes to support deployed U.S. military troops. "Operation Thin Mint is when you buy extra boxes of cookies so you can donate them to the Girl Scouts and we send them overseas to the men and women in the military," said Madison Perno, top cookie seller.

Perno, 8, said she sold cookies in supermarkets, banks, at military bases, car dealerships, schools and door-to-door.

The Operation Thin Mint program was established in 2002, but this year was the first time the cookies will be sent to the Arctic

and Antarctica. The boxes are also destined for service members in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Japan, Singapore, Africa and aboard ships in the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and Western Pacific.

"Over the years the demand for Girl Scout cookies has risen, so we are always looking for new places to send them," said Mary Doyle, the San Diego-Imperial Council's director of communications.

Doyle said that she searched for a new location to send the cookies, and when she found out there were deployed service members in the Arctic and Antarctica she immediately wanted to add them to the list of recipients.

APL Global Container Transportation Company ships the cookies in refrigerated containers so they remain fresh, said Doyle.

"The first container shipped out on May 6 to Bahrain where naval supply will distribute them to troops as far away as Africa," said Doyle.

Since the program was established, Girl Scouts have sent more than 1,306,300 boxes of cookies to troops overseas.

Along with the cookies, thousands of hand-written letters were sent to service members to support their efforts in the War on Terrorism. Guests were able to write the letters before the ceremony. They were also able to participate in arts and crafts activities and explore the USS *Midway's* museum.

Guests of honor included Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and Rear Adm. Len Hering, commander, Navy Region Southwest.

"I'm motivated today because right now I'm looking into these young faces and seeing the future of our nation," said Brig. Gen. Salinas, a former Girl Scout.

"American Idol" contestant

Mishavonna Henson also entertained the crowd by singing the National Anthem and Navy Band Southwest provided patriotic music throughout the ceremony. A seven-woman color guard representing all military branches presented the colors.

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"The ceremony is held aboard the USS *Midway* because it is a former naval ship, and a good location for a military event," said Doyle. "Many of the Girl Scouts come from military families, so it is nice to have that connection."

Almost everyone in San Diego knows someone in the military—an uncle, neighbor, sister or family friend. So we understand that when someone is far from home, it means the world to receive a note to show we care, said Doyle.

"We can't express enough how grateful we are to the Girl Scouts of the San Diego-Imperial Council for their generous gifts. When you're stationed overseas, it is always a special treat to get a taste of home," said Navy Capt. Jesus Cantu, 7th Fleet Logistics.

At the end of the ceremony, the Girl Scouts who sold 2,008 boxes of cookies or more in 2008 were escorted to a private helicopter that took off from the ship's deck for a trip around San Diego. The crowd of supporters below waved their miniature American flags and cheered as the helicopter lifted off and ascended high into the sky.

Depot hosts a 'Teach Vietnam' education conference

BY CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER Chevron staff

Teachers from across the country gathered at James L. Day Hall Friday and Saturday to participate in the first of three Teach Vietnam Conferences to be held nationally this year, to share their best practices in teaching about the Vietnam War and to learn new techniques to bring back to their students.

"Our mission is to educate the public, especially students, about the lasting impact of Vietnam," said Jan. C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. "We want students to be interested in the subject and understanding of the sacrifices Americans have made."

The event was co-hosted by the

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Command Museum and the VVMF, the organization responsible for the creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

"Throughout history we have relied on our military for freedom," said Scruggs, a Vietnam veteran. "Those sacrifices are important because they happen today. We want students to approach this subject with an open mind."

Members of the Teach Vietnam Teachers Network, a nationwide group of teachers from all levels, presented the curriculum to the 26 attending veterans and teachers who were mostly from California schools.

Known as the ambassadors of the VVMF, the teachers network offered presentations about literature, common myths about the war and how to personalize

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the conflict by bringing Vietnam veterans into the classroom.

The curriculum encourages students to develop critical-thinking skills and the ability to approach military conflict more openly, said Scruggs. It also shows methods through which students can honor military members for their service.

"This was a great opportunity for us to share their perspectives on how to teach about the conflict," Joseph G. Radzikowski, a history and political science teacher. "It's important to educate students and the public to clear up the myths. War is ugly but people shouldn't be mad at the warriors."

The seminar concluded with a panel discussion which gave attendees the opportunity to hear stories about how the

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conflict impacted those who served and their families.

"I'm a Vietnam veteran, but I learned a lot of useful information from other veterans' stories," said Radzikowski, who served in the Marine Corps for more than 30 years, with two tours in Vietnam. "When people think about war, all they think about is men. Women also served and died there. It's good to get a woman's perspective because it helps tell the story more accurately."

After the two-day conference participants learned the most effective methods for teaching about the Vietnam War. When they return to the classroom, they will be more equipped for educating their students about the often misunderstood conflict in Vietnam.



Marine Silent Drill Platoon wows Chicago White Sox fans at home opener

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

New Marine follows father's and grandfather's path into the Corps

JANE WAYNE DAY

RTR wives get basic training experience

CMC increases safety measures for drivers

BY CPL. JAMES GREEN Chevron staff

Because of the increased number of accidents throughout the Marine Corps since Oct. 1, 2007, the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James T. Conway, has set stricter regulations when it comes to riding and owning motorcycles.

Last year, 19 Marines were killed in motorcycle-related accidents, more than anytime in the history of the Marine Corps. In contrast, 14 Marines were killed in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan since Oct. 1, 2007.

"These numbers are staggering and completely unacceptable," said Gen. Conway.
"These trends fall short of the professionalism I expect from all Marines."

The new (014/08) AL-MAR requires that all Marines who own motorcycles have their vehicles properly registered and attend a basic

riders course.

Marine Corps Order 5100.19E, Marine Corps Traffic Safety Program, already requires completing a motorcycle safety course prior to driving a motorcycle on base. The new ALMAR works in conjunction with this order as an additional safety measure to further include Marines who do not ride on base, according to safety division officials.

Furthermore, riders must wear appropriate safety gear, including eye protection, gloves, reflective vests, long-sleeve shirts, and pants and footwear that cover the ankles.

"In the past it was easier for Marines to purchase motorcycles without having the foundation to ride safely," said Staff Sgt. Tara Walsh, accident investigation chief for the depot. "This ALMAR will prevent some of the accidents that occur with Marines."

"Even if we go an extend-

ed period without any accidents or a decreased number of accidents, it is important that we continue to implement these regulations," said Walsh. "I definitely think it will help save lives."

The new regulations also state that before prospective riders purchase a motorcycle, they must consult with their chains of command to ensure they are aware of the resulting responsibilities.

Marines who have motor-cycles must report owner-ship within 48 hours of purchase to their command. The command will then verify that the owners have the appropriate motorcycle endorsement on their driver's licenses and have taken, or are scheduled to take, the required safety classes.

The commandant also referenced the mandatory use of seat belts from White Letter 01-07, dated April 11, 2007, as mandatory for all Marines—whether operating or riding in a motor vehicle,

on or off duty, or whether on or off any Department of Defense installation. He said that seat belt use dramatically reduces the chance of injury during vehicle mishaps, and failure to wear a seat belt is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Failure to comply with the ALMAR can result in non-judicial punishment.

In the ALMAR Gen. Conway stated that safety programs do not replace leadership, but instead act as additional tools to commanders. The actions listed provide motorcycle riders with the equipment and training they need to improve their chances of survival in motorcycle mishaps.

He charged leaders with ensuring strict adherence to the orders, and to set the foundation of safe practices to preserve the Marines and sailors and the equipment they operate.

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Car care class for military spouses

A car care class for military spouses is scheduled for May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the depot Auto Hobby Shop. Topics include battery care, tire care and more. A free lunch and prizes will be provided. For information call (619) 524-5240.

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

The Bay View restaurant will offer a Mother's Day Brunch Buffet on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The buffet includes pastry, fresh fruit and salad, a breakfast station, a carving station, hot chaffing dishes, and a dessert station. The cost for adults is \$24.95; children ages 3 to 11 years is \$12.50; and children under 3 years old eat free. For reservations call (619) 725-6356.

Health and Fitness Expo

Marine Corps Community Services hosts a Health and Fitness Expo May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Fitness Center. Free food, health screenings and running shoe fittings will be available to DoD, active duty, depot personnel and their families. Four-person unit teams can sign up at the Fitness Center to compete in ammo can carrying, tricep dips and 4-man push-up competitions. For information call Michelle Nail at (619) 524-8913.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

The depot's financial advisor, Mike McIsaac, invites depot personnel to attend his Brown Bag Lunch Series of financial workshops.

Upcoming workshops include: May 14 – How to buy and finance your new car June 18 – Understanding

June 18 – Understanding homeowner's and auto insurance

July 23 – How to get out of debt, manage credit and build wealth

3-on-3 basketball tournament

Active duty military are invited to compete in two days of basketball competition for a 3-on-3 tournament, 3-point shootout, slam dunk contest and free throw challenge at Crown Point Shores, Mission Bay, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18. The first 32 teams who sign up play for free. The cost for adult team of four players is \$100. Register at www.pacificlifeholidaybowl. com. Registration deadline is today. For information call Pacific Life Holiday Bowl at (619) 283-5808.

MCCS golf tournament

Marine Corps Community Services, MCRD San Diego hosts the MCCS Golf Tournament May 20 at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverwalk Golf Course, Fashion Valley, to benefit the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. The format is scramble. The event is open to the public. Registration takes place May 28 at the MCCS Marketing Office, Bldg. 5W from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per four-person team is \$300 which includes the green fee, cart, shirt, goodie bag, and lunch. For information call Tim Cleator at (619) 725-6420 or e-mail him at cleatortr@usmc-mccs.org.

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DoD changes security clearance question on mental health

BY FRED W. BAKER III
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department will change a question on its long-standing security clearance form referencing an applicant's mental health history because officials believe it is needlessly preventing some people from seeking counseling.

The Standard Form 86, Questionnaire for National Security Positions, asks the applicant to acknowledge mental health care in the past seven years.

Officials said surveys have shown that troops believe if they answer "yes" to the question, they could jeopardize their security clearances, required for many occupations in the military.

As of April 18, applicants no longer have to acknowledge care under the same conditions, nor if the care was related to service in a military combat zone. The revised wording has been distributed to the services and will be attached to the cover of the questionnaire. The revised question will not show up printed on the forms until the department depletes its pre-printed stock later this year, officials said.

Department of Defense security officials said no one has been denied a security clearance based solely on the fact they received mental health counseling. Yet the perception that receiving care would jeopardize a security clearance, combined with the stigma of having to acknowledge this care on the form, may have been preventing some from receiving needed care, said security officials.

"Our people see it as a major blemish on their record. It is one of the highest reasons given on these surveys for why people don't seek mental health care," said David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "We want to be sure that our people are in good shape both mentally and physically."

About 1 million security forms are submitted annually within the Defense Department. Less than 1 percent receive unfavorable determinations based solely on mental health issues, according to Rebecca Allen, deputy director of DoD security. Of those denied, factors besides simply receiving counseling were considered, she said.

"The perception was unfounded. There was no reason to be concerned about seeking mental health counseling from a security clearance standpoint," she said. "Answering yes has never been a sole reason ... for denying a security clearance. It would be the resulting information that would develop during the adjudication phase that may ... result in an unfavorable determination."

But an Army Inspector General's report last year said soldiers were hesitant to get counseling because of the fear of losing their security clearances. A recent Rand Corporation survey also supported those claims, officials said.

When determining a person's ability

to manage classified information, though, officials consider the "whole person." There has never been a stigma associated with seeking mental health counseling from the security aspect, Allen said.

"We view that as a very positive measure," Allen said. "There is nothing wrong with seeking assistance for a mental issue, just as there is nothing wrong with seeking assistance for a physical issue.

"There is every reason to seek treatment when you need it, ... and it will not be a bar to your successfully receiving a security clearance," Allen said.

Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the stigma of receiving mental health care comes in many forms within the military.

"One is that people are afraid they are going to lose friends. They're afraid they're gong to lose their chance at promotion. [Or that] if you show weakness will you be a good leader? Will people follow? Or will you be seen as someone who is out to just get a desk job," he said.

But, Casscells said, mental health counseling is for all ranks, and has not stopped the progression of many senior military officials.

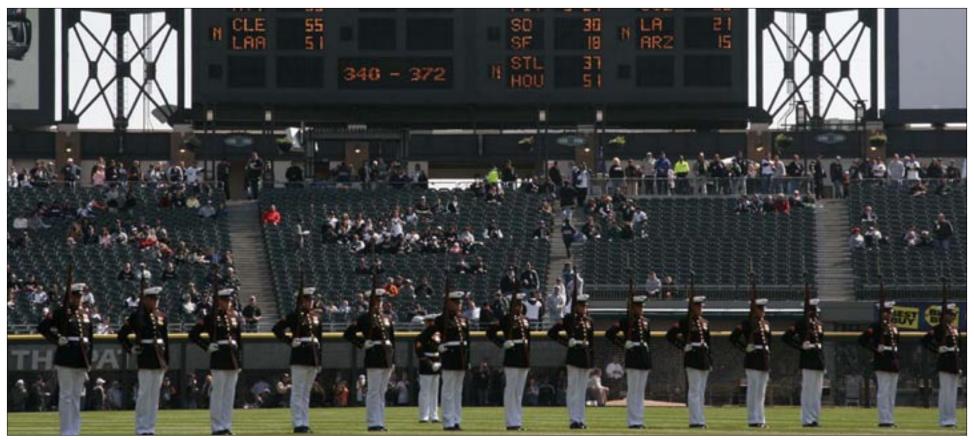
"We've got guys here with one, two, three stars on their shoulders who have had counseling. And they feel they've benefited by it," Casscells said. "It's your duty to do that. It's your opportunity to grow as a person. It's your opportunity to prove yourself as a leader."

From the Chief of Staff

This is a friendly reminder that vehicle operators on the depot, and operators of government-owned vehicles, shall not use cellular phones while driving unless they use a hands-free device. A hands-free device is a feature that permits a driver to use the telephone without lifting or holding the handset to the driver's ear. Also prohibited is wearing portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while jogging, walking, skating, skateboarding or bicycling while aboard a military facility.

In preparation of the Critical Days of Summer campaign, a period of increased risk for Marines which runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, we need to ensure our Marines remain safe.

Beginning June 1, violators of these orders will receive traffic citations on base.



The Marine Corps makes its presence felt at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago as the Silent Drill Platoon performs before more than 38,000 baseball fans at the White Sox' Opening Day festivities April 7. Photo by Sqt. Luis R. Agostini/RS Chicago

Silent Drill Platoon rocks White Sox' home opener

SGT. LUIS AGOSTINI RS Chicago

It's simple. If you grew up on the north side of Chicago, you're a Chicago Cubs fan. If you're on the south side, you cheer for the White Sox.

Going against the grain, Lance Cpl. Jeremiah Alamo, a north-side Chicago native, fondly remembers cheering for his boyhood idols—Sox players Frank Thomas and Ozzie Guillen, instead of the Cubs' Mark Grace and Ryne Sandberg.

The 21-year-old from Humboldt Park, Chicago, recently found himself representing the Marine Corps as part of the elite Silent Drill Platoon before more than 38,000 fans during the Chicago White Sox' Opening Day at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago April 7.

Alamo was one of 43 Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon who traveled to Chicago for the event. The 24man rifle platoon performs a unique precision drill exhibition, while the other Marines work behind the scenes to help ensure every performance is flawless.

Originally enlisting as an infantryman, Alamo was selected out of the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif., to go to the Marine Barracks Washington (at 8th & I Streets) for ceremonial duty screening. After passing the screenings, he was then sent to the Silent Drill Platoon school for four months of rigorous training.

"On the quarterdeck back in 8th and I, there's all these (pictures) of all of the cities that the Silent Drill Platoon performed in, and there weren't any of Chicago. Once I found out we were going to Chicago, I was ecstatic," said Alamo, the former third baseman and left fielder for the Wells High School Eagles in Chicago.

The Silent Drill Platoon made its way onto Cellular Field, entering from center field and stopping just short of the infield, while the "America's Marines" commercial played on the giant screen.

"It's great for the platoon and for the Marine Corps any time we can get out in front of a crowd like this," said Capt. John E. Greenwood, platoon commander, Silent Drill Platoon. "This is the first home opener the Silent Drill Platoon has ever performed."

The platoon dazzled fans with a series of calculated drill

movements and the precise handling of its hand-polished, 10.5-pound, M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. The Marines finished their routine with a unique rifle inspection sequence and elaborate rifle spins and tosses.

"It's an exciting day for our fans, and it's always nice to pay tribute to the men and women of the armed services," said Nichole Manning, director of game operations for the Chicago White Sox.

The Chicago White Sox has sponsored military activities in the past, including the

Blue Angels and Army Golden Knights but decided to bring the Silent Drill Platoon to Chicago for the 2008 home opener.

"The Marines were just one group that we haven't been able to bring out for Opening Day," said Manning. "I'm glad we were able to bring them out this year."

The platoon follows a busy schedule each year and has performed or is scheduled to perform in Arizona, California, Colorado, Virginia, Florida, Michigan, Rhode Island and France in 2008.



Fans watch the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon enter Chicago's Cellular Field April 7, as the "America's Marines" commercial plays on the giant screen above the grand stand. Photo by Sgt. Luis R. Agostini/RS Chicago



The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon marches off U.S. Cellular Field after their performance during the Chicago White Sox' Opening Day festivities. Photo by Sgt. Luis R. Agostini/RS Chicago



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Recruit Virgil Bland, Platoon 1061, Company D, concentrates on his breathing as he completes his combat water survival qualification March 10. Recruits are required to be combat water survival qualification March 10. to graduate from boot camp. Recruits are taught that simply breathing and relaxing are a few of the most effective techniques for surviving in the water. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



Sgt. Graham Williams, water survival instructor, watches a Company D recruit wearing full combat gear, enter the water using the abandon ship technique during third class qualification. The requirement for entering the swim tank using the abandon ship technique ranges from 8 to 15 feet above the water. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



Staff Sgt. Nicholes Lentz, water survival instructor, left, helps Chicago native, Recr Williams, Platoon 1066, relax in the water while he learns the backstroke. Cpl. Robert V



A Company D recruit helps a fellow recruit out of the pool. Recruits practice teamv

Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

Combat Water Survival training

Experience increases recruit confidence in basic water skills

BY CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER Chevron staff

Marines are known as amphibious warriors based on their ability to assault fortified islands by sea.

During past amphibious assaults, some Americans have lost their lives by drowning in the surf. To give Marines a basic understanding of how to survive the watery forces of nature, they must qualify in Combat Water Survival training during boot camp. Company D recruits earned their qualifications in the first phase of boot camp March 10.

Combat Water Survival training is designed to reduce the fear of water, instill self-confidence and develop the ability to survive in aquatic environments, said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Glocke, chief swim instructor and company gunnery sergeant for Instructional Training Company.

"We are a military branch capable of fighting on all fronts," said Sgt. Kendall Wright, drill instructor, Platoon 1063, Company D. "This training is important because if we do not have water survival skills, we will not be as successful (when attacking from the sea)."

Recruits are required to perform several tasks in the water. They swim specific distances, tread water and rescue teammates.

"During this training they learn basic water survival skills," said Glocke. "The training is not that hard. It helps recruits feel more confident in the water, which is one of the most important things because it teaches recruits to relax, breathe and survive."

Recruits begin the course with CWS-4 qualification, the minimum qualification requirement for enlisted Marines, which focuses on personal survival without combat gear.

At this level, recruits swim 25-meters in shallow water using the beginner or survival stroke. They are also required to enter the pool from a 15-foot tower simulating the abandon ship technique. After returning to the surface they swim to an area where they tread water for four minutes. Recruits then swim another 25 meters to obtain the minimum requirement for graduation.

After recruits complete the requirements for CWS-4, they move on to the more difficult third and second classes— which involve full combat gear.

"I've always been a good swimmer because

I grew up near the beach," said Recruit James Clancy, Platoon 1063. "My preconceived notions were the most challenging. I didn't think it was possible to swim with all the gear and I worried that the gear would drag me under the water."

The third class qualification begins with recruits entering the water using the abandon ship technique and swimming 25 meters. Recruits then don full combat gear, enter shallow water and swim 40 meters to the other side of the

Recruits again enter the pool using the abandon ship technique, only this time from an 8-foot tower while wearing full combat gear. One final 25-meter swim completes the third class qualification.

The second class water survival qualification is the last level recruits can obtain in boot camp. The qualification focuses on assisting an exhausted or wounded Marine to safety while wearing full combat gear.

After swimming 50 meters, recruits drag other recruits, simulating wounded Marines, 25 meters to earn the second class qualification.

"As Marines, we will be put in situations where this training will save our lives," said Wright.



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Recruit Russell Moore, right, Platoon 1065, Company D, tows Recruit Shane R. Fox, Platoon 1061, while attempting the second class swim qualification. Second class is focused on rescuing simulated exhausted or wounded Marines from battle. Cpl. W. Robert Beaver/Chevron





Company D recruits line up to climb the 8-foot training tower to perform an abandon ship technique into the swim tank during third class qualification. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

ork on nearly every training event in boot camp.

Third-generation Marine finds true brotherhood

PFC. ALICIA SMALL Chevron Staff

rom as far back as he can remember he was always treated like a Marine by his family and relatives.

Growing up, Recruit John Kidwell, Platoon 1063, was surrounded by family and friends who were Marines, so he was used to the military way of life, said his grandfather, Richard Kidwell, a retired sergeant major. He said he wasn't surprised when his grandson chose the Marine Corps and that he was proud of his decision.

His father, said he was also pleased with his son's enlistment. "He chose to become a man and live life to the fullest," said Edward Kidwell.

"My father and grandfather provided me with a lot of wisdom and inspired me to do my best at everything," said Kidwell. "I wanted to get my life going on the right path and figured the Marine Corps was a perfect way to do that."

Discipline and hard work were values that were instilled in him at an early age, said Kidwell. He was taught these traits were attributes of true leaders

"They always treated me

like a Marine and instructed me to always give 110 percent despite any difficulties that may arise," said Kidwell. "That's what leaders do, and a leader is what I was trained to be."

He was also taught that it is important to show respect to others if he wanted them to respect him. His grandfather said he taught Kidwell to do as he was told without question, no matter how he felt about his drill instructors at the time.

"It shows respect and trust to the drill instructors when recruits listen and do what they are told," said Richard Kidwell. "There is always a reason for the things they tell you to do. There is always a lesson they are trying to teach."

Kidwell soon adapted and

found a family in his platoon members and drill instructors. He said unlike the sports teams he had been on throughout his school years, he felt the Marine Corps was a true brotherhood.

"My senior drill instructor was like a father, while the other drill instructors were like close uncles," said Kidwell. "They taught me how to be a part of something important and not take it for granted."

He said the other recruits were like brothers to him and he learned no matter how much he wanted to argue with them at times, it was important to work together. Without the teamwork and the feeling of the brotherhood, mission accomplishment is impossible.

Just like his family at

home, his platoon mates provided him with the motivation and inspiration to work through the hard times. They kept each others' spirits up and helped each other whenever anyone needed it.

Kidwell said his favorite part of training was the knowledge and discipline he was able to retain.

Kidwell will continue his training during Marine Combat Training School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. He wants to make a career of the Marine Corps and is even hoping to earn an officer's commission and eventually become a pilot. In the meantime, he is taking one step at a time, living life day-by-day.

"I feel this is exactly where I am destined to be for this part of my life," said Kidwell.



Recruit John Kidwell, Platoon 1063, provides security for his squad while they complete a Crucible obstacle at Edson Range, April 30. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



Recruit John Kidwell, Platoon 1063, Company D, looks across Edson Range while waiting for his platoon to form up to move to the next obstacle of the Crucible, April 30. Kidwell, from Santee, Calif., comes from a family of Marines. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

Richard "Sandy" Alderson

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Richard "Sandy" Alderson was named chief executive officer of the San Diego Padres on April 19, 2005. Alderson, who served previously as executive vice president of baseball operations for Major League Baseball, is responsible for the club's daily business and its baseball operations.

San Diego has posted a winning record in each of Alderson's first three seasons with the club, including an 89-74 mark in 2007. The team reached the postseason in back-to-back years for the first time in franchise history in 2005 and 2006, winning the National League West title in both seasons.

The Padres surpassed the 2.6-million mark in attendance for the fourth straight season in 2007, drawing 2,790,074 fans to

PETCO Park.

The club continued to make strides in its community and military outreach programs, including the presentation of several events at PETCO Park.

Alderson was also influential in bringing the semi-finals and final game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic to San Diego in March of 2006.

In his role as one of Major League
Baseball's highest-ranking officials, Alderson oversaw baseball operations, umpiring, on-field operations and security, and facility management in the Office of the Commissioner. In addition, Alderson, who joined Major League Baseball in
New York in 1998 after spending 17 years with the Oakland Athletics, was in charge of various special projects involving international play.

This included Major League Baseball's participation in the historic games with the Cuban National Team in the spring

of 1999 and the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, where Team USA won the Gold Medal.

He was instrumental in the creation of Major League Baseball academies in Australia and Italy, and, domestically, the Urban Youth Academy in Compton, Calif.

Alderson left a private law practice in 1981 to become the A's general counsel. He then served as Oakland's general manager from 1983-97, and as the club's president from 1993-95 and 1997 through his departure in 1998. The A's won four American League West Championships during his tenure (1988, '89, '90, '92), participated in three consecutive World Series (1988-90) and captured the World Series Championship in 1989. In addition, the A's farm system produced four Rookies of the Year during Alderson's stay in Oakland.

Alderson holds degrees from Dartmouth College (1969) and Harvard Law School (1976), and also served four years as a Marine officer with a tour of duty in Vietnam.





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Recruits from Platoon 1063, Company D, move into tactical column formation before hiking to the next Crucible obstacle April 30 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the Crucible, recruits hike nearly 40 miles of rocky and hilly terrain wearing full combat gear. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

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*Denotes meritorious



Spouses of Marines from Recruit Training **Regiment, Marine Corps** Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., march in parade field drill during Jane Wayne Day May 3. Jane Wayne Day allows RTR spouses to experience a day at their husbands' jobs aboard the depot. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Gunnery Sgt. Ralph C. Vargas barks orders at the spouses to simulate the welcome that new recruits get when they get off the bus during Jane Wayne Day May 3. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Courtney Cortez, wife of Sgt. Jose Cortez, drill instructor, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., gets a lesson in drill from Sgt. Jorge A Guajardo, drill instructor, Company B, during Jane Wayne Day May 3. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Jane Wayne Day

RTR wives march a mile in husband's combat boots

BY LANCE CPL. JOSE NAVA Chevron Staff

Wives of Recruit Training Regiment Marines participated in Jane Wayne Day 2008 to get a day-long taste of recruit training, and to experience what their husbands do on a daily basis, May 3.

Participants donned battalion-specific colored Tshirts, their husband's camouflage trousers and boots, and participated in events such as the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, drill and the obstacle course.

Throughout the day, spouses learned the rules and requirements of being a Marine, and were often taken out of their comfort zone.

"It was intimidating and kind of confusing," said Ashlyn E. Mott, wife of Sgt. Zachary B. Mott, drill instructor, Company C. "There was a lot going on with everyone yelling, and it was hard to focus on one individual person."

The spouses' day started off in front of the depot museum, where they formed up in their respective battalions to practice drill movements in order to get accustomed to moving around the depot as a unit.

Once they were confident in drill, they marched to Receiving Company and stepped on infamous yellow footprints, where drill instructors gave them a welcome similar of what new recruits receive.

Drill instructors ran through the formations, causing chaos and commotion in order to confuse the spouses so that they could experience some of the same emotions new recruits feel when they get off the

After being properly welcomed, the spouses marched inside to see what new recruits go through their first day at recruit training. Here, new recruits receive their first haircut and their initial gear issue, a full medical and dental screening and take the Initial Strength Test.

Sgt. Alloarin Mendoza, drill instructor, Co. L, read participants the Drill Instructor's Creed and told them what is expected of recruits while at recruit

The spouses then marched over to tour a squad bay where the recruits live.

The groups then marched to the obstacle course where they were given a demonstration on how to navigate each obstacle, and were given the opportunity to run through it. After jumping over logs and climbing over high bars and walls, some of the wives said they were beginning to feel the effects of the physical rigors of recruit training.

The wives then marched to the parade deck where they continued to practice drill movements before eating lunch at the recruit chow hall.

After chow, the spouses participated in a drill competition between battalions, where 2nd Bn. beat their

"I think that the spouses enjoyed the drill more than any other event," said Sgt. Jorge A. Guarjardo, drill instructor, Co. B. "I was surprised how motivated and eager they were to learn. At the end of the day, 1st Bn. took home the motivation award."

"It gives the spouses a good idea of how stressful it is for drill instructors to move recruits from point A to point B," said Guajardo. "I believe it is important for spouses to understand how hard we work as Marines, because by them empathizing, it can solve a lot of marriage issues within the Marine Corps."

After spending a day in the life of drill instructors and recruits, many of the spouses said they received new insight into the work their husbands do on a



husband's work, wives of drill instructors in the 2nd **Battalion, Recruit Training** Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., go through the obstacle course here during Jane Wayne Day May 3.

To get a taste of their

Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron